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Corps clarifies recent news story on disposal of dredged material in Logan Township

NEW YORK -- A recent news story has reported that the Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a contract to Weeks Marine, Cranford, N.J. to dispose of dredged material from Ports Newark and Elizabeth, N.J. to a facility in Logan Township, NJ.

The Corps has NOT awarded any contract to dispose of dredged material in Logan Township, NJ.

The facts are the Corps is reviewing Weeks Marine's apparent low bid to see if their proposal to use this disposal facility is in fact certified by the State of New Jersey.

Weeks Marine is the apparent low bidder and has 70 days to certify to the Corps that they have the necessary requisite permits from the State of New Jersey.

It is the State of New Jersey that determines if Weeks Marine's proposed facility in Logan Township meets New Jersey's environmental laws. If the State should decide the proposed facility is not a valid one, then the Corps will go to the next low bidder. We will abide by any decision the State of New Jersey makes.

Some media are reporting that Logan Township was identified by the Corps of Engineers as a disposal site. This is not true. The States of New York and New Jersey determine what sites are available and appropriate. The Corps did not select Logan Township, but is required by federal law to review proposals from all bidders to make sure they conform to applicable federal and state laws.

The facts are, the Corps reviews a range of state-licensed facilities and has, in this case, reached out to the State of New Jersey for their guidance as to whether this is an appropriate facility. Upland disposal facilities are state-licensed facilities licensed by the States of New York and New Jersey.

The Army Corps of Engineers considers the environmental consequences of Corps programs and acts openly in its search to maintain the Port of New York and New Jersey and enhance the environment.

To see the Corps seven environmental operating principles, check them out at:

<http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cepa/envprinciples.htm>

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